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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: MOD DANJUMA SAYS SERTI OFR BATTALION  
WILL SOON ROTATE TO SIERRA LEONE

CLASSIFIED BY AMBASSADOR HOWARD F. JETER; REASONS 1.5  
(B) AND (D).

¶1. (C) On two separate occasions within the past several weeks, Minister of Defense T.Y. Danjuma has assured me that the OFR trained battalion currently in Serti will be rotated out to participate in UNAMSIL. Danjuma said that he has reiterated the order for the rotation and that there had been no internal army resistance to his orders.

¶2. (SBU) The battalion, according to Danjuma, was in its final stage of departure preparations and would be leaving for Sierra Leone very soon.

ANDREWS